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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

[The informal consultations of the Fifth Committee, scheduled for *today*, 3 June 1998, have been postponed until further notice.]

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 4 June 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

3 p.m. 87th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women: draft resolution (A/52/L.74) [106].
2. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly: report of the Secretary-General (A/52/856) [21]*.
3. Strengthening of the United Nations system: report of the Secretary-General (A/52/855) [60]*.
4. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership: letters from the Chairman of the Second Committee (A/52/832, A/52/919) [97 (a)].

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* Items 21 and 60 will be considered together.

Note: The PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA and the SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS of bodies other than those of the General Assembly at its fifty-second session appear in PART II (English/French) of the present issue of the Journal (No. 1998/104 (PART II)).

TWENTIETH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The provisional list of speakers (No.5) for the general debate of the twentieth special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem (8-10 June 1998) is now available at the General Assembly Servicing Branch (room S-3670J). The provisional list of speakers (No. 5) has also been sent by facsimile directly to Permanent Representatives to the United Nations.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

FIFTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(21 September- 2 October 1998)

The first provisional list of speakers for the general debate of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly will be announced on Monday, 15 June 1998.

Those Missions which have not yet replied to the note verbale of 24 March 1998 requesting inscription on the list of speakers are invited to send their requests immediately to the Secretariat if they wish to be included in the first provisional list. Missions whose requests have yet to be received by the Secretariat will be accommodated to the extent possible, bearing in mind that their request will have been received after the deadline of 24 April 1998 announced in the note verbale. Requests should be communicated, in writing, and addressed to the Director, General Assembly and ECOSOC Affairs Division, DGAACS (room S-2977A, fax: (212) 963-3783).

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 29 May 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Resumed fifty-second session
(Second part)

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 68th meeting

The Chairman announced that at the request of the representative of the United Kingdom (on behalf of the European Union) an information note on the composition of the existing groups of Member States for the apportionment of the costs of peacekeeping operations financed through assessed contributions had been distributed to the Committee.

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [17]

(g) Appointment of members and alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee (A/52/107 and A/C.5/52/11/Add.4)

Following a suspension of the meeting, the Committee resumed consideration of agenda item 17 (g).

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend to the General Assembly the appointment of Mr. Mochamad Slamet Hidayat (Indonesia) to the United Nations Staff Pension Committee for a term of office beginning on the date of appointment by the General Assembly and ending on 31 December 2000.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East [122]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

The representative of Costa Rica, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and Coordinator of informal consultations, informed on the results of the informal consultations.

In light of the statement made by the Vice-Chairman, the Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to draft resolution A/C.5/52/L.52 introduced by Indonesia, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, at the 67th meeting on 28 May 1998.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States (who requested that a single vote be taken on the first preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 3, 4, 5 and 16 of the draft resolution) the Syrian Arab Republic, Cameroon, Uganda and Indonesia.

The representative of the Netherlands orally proposed an amendment to the draft resolution.

The Director of Peacekeeping Financing Division responded to questions posed.

The Committee then proceeded to vote on the first preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 3, 4, 5 and 16 of draft resolution A/C.5/52/L.52 which were retained by a recorded vote of 51 votes to 2 with 38 abstentions.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Committee then proceeded to vote on draft resolution A/C.5/52/L.52, as a whole, as amended, which was adopted by a recorded vote of 89 votes tor 2 with 1 abstention.

Statements after the vote, were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Islamic Republic of Iran, the United States, the United Kingdom (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus and Iceland), Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, New Zealand, Australia, Yemen, Japan and Kuwait.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.5/52/L.52, the Chairman withdrew the draft resolution in A/C.5/52/L.36.

(a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force

The representative of Costa Rica, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, and Coordinator of informal consultations of this item, introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/C.5/52/L.35.

The representative of the Netherlands orally proposed amendments to the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution, as orally revised and amended.

The representative of Germany made a statement which pertained to this agenda item and all following peacekeeping missions.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [114]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

a) Working methods of the Fifth Committee

The Chairman informed the Committee that based on the comments submitted to him on the working paper, he would present a revised text for the Committee's review. On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to postpone consideration of this question to the third part of its resumed fifty-second session.

b) Strengthening of external oversight mechanisms

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to defer consideration of this question to the third part of its resumed fifty-second session.

c) Gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities

The representative of the Bahamas, Coordinator of informal consultations on this question, informed the Committee on the results of informal consultations.

d) Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to defer to the third part of its resumed session, consideration of the thematic reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Joint Inspection Unit [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to defer to the third part of its resumed session, consideration of agenda item 118 entitled "Joint Inspection Unit".

Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991) [124]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

(a) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission

The representative of Greece, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and Coordinator of informal consultations of this item, introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/C.5/52/L.38.

The representatives of Canada and the Netherlands proposed amendments to the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Uganda and Kuwait.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution, as orally revised and amended.

Statements in explanation of position after the adoption of the draft resolution were made by the representatives of Kuwait, Uganda and Japan.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission [123]

Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola [159]

The Committee resumed its consideration of these agenda items.

The representative of Ireland, Coordinator of the informal consultations on these items, on behalf of the Chairman, introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/C.5/52/L.37.

The representative of Uganda orally proposed an amendment to the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution, as orally revised and amended.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of these agenda items at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara [125]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Ghana, Coordinator of the informal consultations on this item, on behalf of the Chairman, introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/C.5/52/L.39.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution, as orally revised.

A statement in explanation of position after the adoption of the draft resolution was made by the representative of Morocco.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing and liquidation of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia [126]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic, Coordinator of the informal consultations on this item, on behalf of the Chairman, introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/C.5/52/L.40.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution, as orally revised.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters [127]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Uganda, Coordinator of the informal consultations on this item, on behalf of the Chairman, introduced and orally revised draft decision A/C.5/52/L.41.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision, as orally revised.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique [129]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Ukraine, Coordinator of the informal consultations on this item, on behalf of the Chairman, introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/C.5/52/L.42.

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada, Italy and Uganda.

The Director of the Operational Services Division responded to questions posed.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution, as orally revised.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus [130]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Japan, Coordinator of the informal consultations on this item, on behalf of the Chairman, introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/C.5/52/L.43.

The representative of the Netherlands orally proposed an amendment to the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution, as orally revised and amended.

The representative of Cyprus made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia [131]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Algeria, Rapporteur of the Committee and Coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/C.5/52/L.44.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution, as orally revised.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti [132]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Côte d'Ivoire, Coordinator of the informal consultations on this item, on behalf of the Chairman, introduced draft decision A/C.5/52/L.45.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations of Observers in Tajikistan [136]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Algeria, Rapporteur of the Committee, and Coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/C.5/52/L.46.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution, as orally revised.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [137]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Canada, Coordinator of the informal consultations on this item informed the Committee on the results of informal consultations.

The representative of Uganda made a statement.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, to defer consideration of this item to the third part of its resumed session.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina [138]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Uganda, Coordinator of the informal consultations on this item, on behalf of the Chairman, introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/C.5/52/L.47

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution, as orally revised.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium 139]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Uganda, Coordinator of the informal consultations on this item, on behalf of the Chairman, introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/C.5/52/L.48.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution, as orally revised.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force [140]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Uganda, Coordinator of the informal consultations on this item, on behalf of the Chairman, introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/C.5/52/L.49.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution, as orally revised.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti [141]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Côte d'Ivoire, Coordinator of the informal consultations on this item, on behalf of the Chairman, introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/C.5/52/L.50.

The representative of the United States proposed an amendment to the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution, as orally revised and amended.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [142]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

(a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Third-party liability: temporal and financial limitations

The representative of Zimbabwe, Coordinator of the informal consultations on this question, on behalf of the Chairman, orally proposed an additional sub-paragraph to paragraph 9 of draft resolution A/C.5/52/L.7.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution, as orally revised.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Budgetary requirements for peacekeeping operations

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly to take note of the reports of the Secretary-General on the six-month update of information on the proposed budgetary requirements of each peacekeeping operation for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1999 contained in documents A/C.5/52/44 and Corr.1 and A/C.5/52/52.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

United Nations Logistics Base, Brindisi

The representative of Zimbabwe, Coordinator of the informal consultations on this item, on behalf of the Chairman, introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/C.5/52/L.53.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Death and disability benefits

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly to take note of the reports of the Secretary-General (on death and disability benefits: second and third quarterly reports regarding clearing backlog of claims) contained in documents A/C.5/52/37 and A/C.5/52/50, respectively.

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [143]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to defer to the third part of its resumed session consideration of this item.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Human resources management [153]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Proposed United Nations Code of Conduct (A/52/488 and A/52/30/Add.1)

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to defer consideration of this question to the third part of its resumed session.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the United Mission in the Central African Republic [161]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Tunisia, Coordinator of the informal consultations on this item, on behalf of the Chairman, introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/C.5/52/L.51.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Statements in explanation of position after the adoption of the draft resolution were made by the representatives of the Cameroon and Uganda.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Development Account

The representative of Argentina, Coordinator of the informal consultations on this item, on behalf of the Chairman, introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/C.5/52/L.56.

Statements were made by the representatives of China, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire and Ukraine.

The representative of Egypt proposed an oral amendment to the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution, as orally revised and amended.

The representative of Japan made a statement in explanation of position after the adoption of the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Other matters

The representative of the Bahamas, Coordinator of informal consultations on gratis personnel, and the representative of Australia, Coordinator of informal consultations on the Support Account, informed the Committee on the results of informal consultations.

Tuesday, 2 June 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

86th plenary meeting

Earthquake in Afghanistan

The President of the General Assembly, on behalf of the Assembly, extended his deepest sympathy to the Government and the people of Afghanistan for the tragic loss of life and extensive material damage which had resulted from the recent earthquake.

The representative of Afghanistan made a statement.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/52/785/Add.6) [120]

The General Assembly took note that Uzbekistan had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work [8].

(a) Request for the reopening of the consideration of agenda item 95 (c) (Science and technology for development): letter from Pakistan (A/52/910)

The General Assembly, on the proposal of Pakistan, decided to reopen the consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 95 and to consider the sub-item directly in plenary meeting.

(b) Request for the consideration directly in plenary of agenda item 106 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women): note by the Secretariat (A/52/918)

The General Assembly decided to consider agenda item 106 directly in plenary meeting.

(c) Request for the inclusion of an additional item: note by the Secretary-General (A/52/236)

The General Assembly decided to waive the provision of rule 40 of the rules of procedure.

The Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General, decided to include in the agenda of the fifty-second session an additional item entitled "Election of judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994" and to consider the additional item directly in plenary meeting.

(d) Request for the inclusion of an additional item: note by the Secretary-General (A/52/237)

The General Assembly decided to waive the provision of rule 40 of the rules of procedure.

The Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General, decided to include in the agenda of the fifty-second session an additional item entitled "Election of judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991" and to consider the additional item directly in plenary meeting.

Macroeconomic policy questions: financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries: report of the Second Committee (Part VI) (A/52/626/Add.5/Rev.1) [95 (a)]

The General Assembly took note of Part VI of the report of the Second Committee on agenda item 95 (a) (A/52/626/Add.5/Rev.1).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 95.

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [17]:

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: report of the Fifth Committee (Part II) (A/52/670/Add.1)

The General Assembly appointed Mr. Pedro Paulo d'Escragnolle-Taunay as a member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a term of office beginning on 2 June 1998 and ending on 31 December 1998.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 17.

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions: report of the Fifth Committee (Part II) (A/52/671/Add.1)

The General Assembly appointed Mr. Sergei I. Mareyev as a member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a term of office beginning on 2 June 1998 and ending on 31 December 1999.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 17.

Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly: report of the Secretary-General (A/52/856) [21]

Strengthening of the United Nations system: report of the Secretary-General (A/52/855) [60]

The President made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ukraine, the United States, China and Pakistan.

The President made a statement.

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